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SUBJECT: AL AHALI NOT SEIZED

SUMMARY: LEFTIST WEEKLY AL AHALI APPEARED ON NEWS-  
STANDS JULY 19. PROSECUTOR APPARENTLY MADE NO EFFORT  
PREVENT PUBLICATION DESPITE FACT ISSUE LAMBASTS GOVERNMENT'S  
INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POLICIES. PAPER APPARENTLY AVOIDED  
LEGAL DIFFICULTIES BY REFRAINING FROM PERSONAL VILIFICA-  
TIONS AND CONCENTRATING ON BROADER ISSUES. LEFT DEMON-  
STRATES UTTER HYPOCRISY BY ENDORSING ISLAMIC STUDENTS  
ACTIVITIES. END SUMMARY.

1. LONDON CONFERENCE. UNSIGNED FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL  
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COME. PAPER CLAIMS NO DEEP DISCUSSION WILL TAKE PLACE--  
RESUMPTION OF "DIRECT TALKS" TERMED CLEAR EGYPTIAN CONCES-  
SION WHICH WILL RESULT IN INCREASED ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE.

2. AFRICA. SECOND EDITORIAL NOTES EGYPTIAN ISOLATION AT  
KHARTOUM OAU SUMMIT. MINSTATE BOUTROS GHALI'S DENUNCIA-  
TION OF NEO-COLONIALISM HIT HARD; GOVERNMENT SHOULD

"KNOW" THAT THIS SLOGAN TWISTS FACTS CONCERNING SOVIET AND CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. AFRICANS, STILL SUFFERING FROM "OLD WESTERN IMPERIALISM" AS WELL AS NEW AMERICAN LED IMPERIALISM, WILL NOT BELIEVE EGYPTIAN SPOKESMAN. PAPER CLAIMED AMBASSADOR YOUNG DESCRIBED SOVIET AND CUBAN ROLE IN AFRICA AS EXAGGERATED AND, IN ANY CASE, MUCH LESS THAN WEST. GHALI SAID TO BE MORE ALIGNED TO WESTERN INTERESTS THAN WEST ITSELF; HIS SPEECH ISOLATED EGYPT FROM ITS VITAL INTERESTS AND AFRICAN BROTHERS.

3. NUCLEAR WASTE. AL AHALI REVEALED AUSTRIA SEEKING BURY NUCLEAR WASTE IN EASTERN DESERT, "A GRAVE PROBLEM TO LIFE." PAPER CLAIMED MFA TURNED DOWN PROPOSAL BUT SADAT ORDERED EXPERTS STUDY SUGGESTION "PRIOR TO ITS EXECUTION."

4. INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS. AL AHALI CALLED FOR REGULATIONS TO CONTROL PART IN POWER AND GUARANTEES FOR PEOPLE AGAINST GOVERNMENT'S DESPOTISM. BAR ASSOCIATION, REPORT-EDLY, CONCLUDED THAT LAWS IN FORCE ARE SUFFICIENT TO GUARANTEE DEMOCRACY. PAPER CLAIMED SOCIALIST PROSECUTOR HAS BANNED ADDITIONAL SEVEN JOURNALISTS FROM TRAVELING ABROAD. LIST SAID TO BE HEADED BY LEFT PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS LUTFI AL KHULI AND MOHAMED ODA. (AL KHULI MADE NO MENTION OF BAN IN JULY 13 MEETING WITH EMBOFF; NOR DID FELLOW CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER ISMAIL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SABRI ABDULLAH RAISE THIS IN JULY 17 MEETING.) PARTY WILL CHALLENGE BAN IN COURT AND IN PEOPLES ASSEMBLY. SILENCE, SAID NEWSPAPER, WOULD TEMPT GOVERNMENT TO COMMIT EVEN MORE "VIOLATIONS."

5. HYPOCRISY. IN MOST HYPOCRITICAL COMMENT PRINTED THUS FAR BY AL AHALI, PAPER CRITICIZED MINISTER OF INTERIOR FOR REFUSING PERMIT ISLAMIC STUDENTS HOLD "SUMMER CAMP" AT CAIRO UNIVERSITY. MININT ALSO LAMBASTED FOR PREVENTING AD PUBLICIZING CHANGE OF VENUE FROM APPEARING IN MASS CIRCULATION PAPERS. (COMMENT: LEFTIST STUDENTS HAVE BEEN IN FREQUENT, AND OFTEN VIOLENT, CONFLICT WITH ISLAMIC SOCIETIES. MEMBERS OF PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS HAVE BEEN HIGHLY CRITICAL OF GOVERNMENT FOR PERMITTING "CAMPS" TO FUNCTION IN MOSQUE NEAR UNIVERSITY.) SCARRITT

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